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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants herewith submit certain patent references and other information, which the Patent & Trademark Office may wish to consider in examining the above-identified application. The references are provided below, and are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449.

<u>U.S. PATENTS</u>	<u>ISSUE DATE</u>	<u>INVENTOR</u>
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Certain items of information included herewith were cited in the International Search Report in the related PCT application. A copy of the International Search Report is included for the Examiner's convenience. One item cited in the PCT application (U.S. Patent 5,717,191) was previously cited by Applicants in the present application and is, therefore, not included

In addition, some publications not listed in the PCT Search Report, which have become known to Applicants, are also listed herein.

Copies of the listed references are provided. No representation is made or intended that a prior art search has been made or that no better art than the listed is available. It is respectfully requested that the information be considered by the Examiner and made of record in the present application.

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